

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, prenumbered line 21 to page 10, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

77 g of triacetoneamine were initially charged in 240 g of toluene together with 47 g of ethylene glycol. Subsequently, sufficient phosphoric acid (63 g) was added that the reaction mixture showed an acidic pH ( $\leq 2$ ) when tested with a moistened indicator paper. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux temperature and water of reaction formed was removed on a ~~rotary evaporator~~ water separator. After approx. 3 hours, there was less than 10% of the desired product according to the gas chromatogram. Instead, a plurality of secondary components had formed which were not investigated further.